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May 18, 1990

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Director William S. Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

As Director of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, former United States Senator, and former North Carolina Attorney General, I am very much aware of the strengths and weaknesses of our nation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. In an overall perspective, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program is a local program of collecting crime statistics in a method which provides for common comparison and analysis. A critical part to the success and cohesiveness of the program is the national repository and guidance. That role, as you well know, has been fulfilled by the FBI for the last 50 years. As the State UCR Program administrators, we are troubled to hear that FBI support for UCR staffing is in jeopardy.

It is imperative for us to express our concern and seek your support not only to maintain appropriate funding for current UCR, but also to provide adequate resources to fully implement the National Incident Base Reporting System (NIBRS). Without federal involvement, each state's data collection efforts will become less and less uniform and throw the nation's only crime data index into chaos. To maintain local and state law enforcement support for the UCR program, the FBI must continue to provide this service as opposed to a non-law enforcement agency or contract firm. The success of UCR requires dedication and cooperative efforts of all local, state and national law enforcement agencies.

I know how easy it is to look to such programs as UCR in tight budgetary times, but elimination of national collection, and publication of crime data within the FBI would be a clear disservice to the nation. Furthermore, it would send an undeniable signal to the country's law enforcement community that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is not committed to working with state and local law enforcement.

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Again, I ask for your support of UCR to be maintained as an FBI responsibility and if there is anything we can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,


Robert Morgan
Director

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Honorable Robert Morgan
Director
North Carolina State Bureau
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Dear Mr. Morgan:

I have received your letter of May 18, 1990, regarding reports of possible cutbacks in FBI personnel responsible for our Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

I understand your concern over the FBI proposal to eliminate the UCR Program. You may rest assured that I do not want to see the elimination of the UCR Program, which is responsible for publication of the Uniform Crime Reports. These Reports are necessary and need to be continued since they are the only statistical series that address crime from the law enforcement perspective.

However, as I am sure you can understand, in these austere times the FBI cannot continue to receive mandated personnel reductions being imposed by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 without making adjustments in the manner in which the remaining resources are applied to the FBI's mission.

The Records Management Division (RMD), which houses the UCR Program, has been mandated to cut 147 positions (129 through A-76 and 18 through Gramm-Rudman sequestration) from its current staffing level by the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 1990. RMD lost 109 staff positions in FY 1989 due to A-76 reductions and is scheduled for a reduction of 73 staff positions in FY 1991.

RMD has the primary responsibility for maintaining the criminal and foreign counterintelligence investigative files for the entire FBI. In order to provide these services,

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Honorable Robert Morgan

crucial to our primary investigative mission, the imposed staff reductions have resulted in a recommendation to include the elimination of the UCR Program, which would absorb 85 of the 147 mandated staff reductions.

I appreciate the comments you have made in your letter, and I want you to know that I will certainly consider them during my deliberative process in arriving at a final decision on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions

William S. Sessions
Director

NOTE: Mr. MORGAN says he is troubled to hear that FBI support for UCR staffing is in jeopardy and he asks the Director for his support of UCR to be maintained as an FBI responsibility. Substance of above response suggested by DAD Stoops, RMD.

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